THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No decision to reduce the number of employees in DDA has been taken. However, a proposal for rationalisation of posts is under consideration.

(b) to (d) In view of reply to (a) above questions do not arise.

Unauthorised colonies in Delhi

† l616. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unauthorised colonics have come up in Delhi on a large scale;

(b) if so, the total number of such colonics and expected number of people residing in them;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to regularize them after making necessary modification in these colonics; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that there were about 1071 unauthorised colonics in existence in Delhi as on 31st March, 1993. It is estimated that about 30 lakh people arc residing in these colonics. No survey has been carried out in this regard.

(c) and (d) The Government of India has filed guidelines for regularization of these colonics in the High Court of Delhi in CWP No. 4771/93 Common Cause (Rcgd.) Society *Vs.* Union of India and others. The Hon'ble Court in its orderdatcd 27.2.2001 has *inter alia* directed the Ministry to notify the list of colonics which could be regularised in terms of the guidelines. Government of NCT of Delhi

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

has been requested to prepare list of such colonics which could be regularised in terms of the guidelines. The Hon'ble Court, in the same matter, has restrained the Government from regularizing any unauthorised colony till further orders.

Low Water Pressure in Central Government Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar

1617. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether CPWD has received any communication from Delhi Jal Board citing the reasons for the low water pressure in supply line to Central Government Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DJB has suggested CPWD to install a booster at JNU on main pipe line for maintaining sufficient pressure and smooth water supply to said colony;

(d) if so, the details alongwith action taken in this regard by CPWD; and

(e) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor and by when the required booster would be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No such communication has been received so far.

(b) Question docs not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No such proposal or suggestion has been received or is under consideration.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.